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Note by the President of the Governing Council

The Administrator has received the attached communication from the Controller of the United Nations concerning General Assembly resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and priorities for the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which is hereby brought to the attention of the Governing Council.

Annex

NOTE ON THE DECISIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON PRIORITIES FOR THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1992-1997

1. At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly adopted the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 by its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990. Under section I, paragraph 15, of that resolution, the Secretary-General is requested to bring the decisions of the General Assembly on priorities to the attention of Member States and the governing boards of the voluntary funds, in order to facilitate coherence and coordination in the implementation of the plan.

2. In compliance with this request, the relevant decisions of the General Assembly on priorities are submitted in the attached annexes as follows:

(a) Texts of section I, paragraphs 12 to 15, of resolution 45/253 and of paragraph 39 of the introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (appendix);

(b) Table showing the major programme, programme and subprogramme structure of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 with an indication of the subprogrammes which have been designated high priority by the General Assembly.*

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* The table is available for consultation in the office of the Secretary of the Governing Council (Room DC1-2164).

Appendix

A. Text of section I, paragraphs 12 to 15, of General Assembly resolution 45/253:

"The General Assembly,

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"12. Notes the overall priorities reflecting broad trends as derived from the mandates of the legislative organs, contained in the introduction to the plan, as well as the views expressed by the Member States thereon, in particular concerning the maintenance of international peace and security, the economic development of developing countries, the economic recovery and development of Africa, the environment and international drug control;

"13. Endorses the priorities at the subprogramme level proposed by the Secretary-General, together with the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and those indicated in the annex to the present resolution;

"14. Requests the Secretary-General to implement the plan with these priorities, taking duly into account the views expressed by Member States;

"15. Also requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with regulation 3.18 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation to bring the decisions of the General Assembly on priorities to the attention of Member States and the governing boards of the voluntary funds, in order to facilitate coherence and coordination in the implementation of the plan; ..."

B. Text of paragraph 39 of the introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/45/6 (Introduction)):

"39. The priorities of the United Nations for the period of this medium-term plan must naturally derive from the ideals of this Organization as expressed in the Charter and other authoritative instruments. They should also reflect the consideration that the objectives are such that multilateral action is demonstrably important to their achievement. In this framework, the peace-making and peace-keeping activities of the Organization will obviously be of the highest priority. So will the enhancement of the well-being of all those who constitute, in the words of the Charter, 'the peoples of the United Nations'."